

Interrogation of Witness

Today, 8th February 1948, there appeared before myself, Pieter Jacobus Blok, Attorney-at-Law, Temporary 2nd Lieutenant (Reserve), Special Services (Infantry), charged with the investigation in the case of Takahashi and war crimes in general, the person of:

Paul Hubert OUDENAS,

Summoned to testify the truth in these above matters.

What is your full name, age, address?

Oudenas, Paul Hubert; 34 years; Wacol Camp, Columbia, Qld.

What is your occupation? Sergeant, No. 87712 R.M.A.

Whereupon the witness takes the oath in accordance with his religious convictions to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

In July 1942 (I cannot remember the exact date), three Menadonese managed to escape from the P.W. camp at BALDJERMASIN, where I was interned. They were: the Sgt. 2nd Cl. of the R.A.I.A. - IRWA - or -IRWA - and two privates, whose names I do not remember. About one month later these three Menadonese soldiers were recaptured by the Japanese and taken back to the camp at BALDJERMASIN. The three soldiers were imprisoned in our camp for about a fortnight and were treated in an exceedingly bad manner. Some days after the Indonesian New Year we were informed by the Japanese that the above named three soldiers were to be decapitated. We were not permitted to communicate this to the condemned persons. On the day of the execution all the soldiers in the camp had to appear at roll-call. The Japanese C.O. Capt. -TAKAHASHI- declared that he wanted to carry out the execution personally but that he had to leave it to his soldiers, who had requested this. Twenty soldiers, among whom Lance Corporal PIETERS and Sgt. 2nd Cl. of the Towguard -SCOTCH- , K.P.M. (T.M. Shipping Company) agent, were ordered to witness the execution and to report it to us. I learned from these eye-witnesses that the three Menadonese soldiers were decapitated in the precincts of the airfield OELIM, at a distance of about 25 kilometers from our camp, in the presence of Capt. -TAKAHASHI- in the evening between 6 and 6:30 p.m. After the execution had been carried out, we were informed by the C.O.

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TAKAHASHI that similar attempts to escape would be punished with severe reprisals against the remaining soldiers.

After the above questions and answers have been slowly and clearly read to the witness, he stated not to desire to add or alter anything therein, in proof whereof he has signed his statement.

The Witness

/s/ P. H. Oudemans

Drawn up and signed by me as the Official Recorder,

/s/ P. J. Blok

CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned CHARLES JONGENIEL, Captain R.N.I.A., Head of War Crimes Section of NETHERLANDS FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NEFIS), being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states that the annexed statement is a full, true, complete and accurate copy of the original Dutch document, entitled:

Sworn statement of Paul Hubert OUDELANS, drawn up by P.J.BLOK, LL.D., 2nd Lieut. R.N.I.A., dated February 8, 1946, No. 499/R

which original Dutch document is a part of the official records of NEFIS.

Batavia, August 26th, 1946.

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subscribed and sworn to before me, K.A.DE WEERD, LL.D., Major Artillery R.N.I.A., Senior Official attached to the Office of the Attorney-General N.E.I.

/s/ K. A. de Weerd

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一九四六年八月二十六日

於「バタビヤ」市

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證人訊問書

本日、一九四六年（昭和二十一年）二月八日、余、即ち特別任務（歩兵科）臨時陸軍少尉（豫備役）辯護士、高橋事件及び一般戦争犯罪調査ヲ擔當スル「ヒューター、ヤコブス、ブロッツ」面前ニ上記記載ノ事件ノ真実ナル事ヲ證據立テル為メ召喚ヲ受ケテ「バウル、ヒューバート、オウデマンス」ナル人物出頭セリ、

貴下ノ姓名、年令、住所ハ

「オウデマンス、バウル、ヒューバート」、三十四才

「タインスランド、コロムビア、ワルキヤンダ」

貴下ノ職業ハ何ナリヤ

蘭印軍軍曹、第六七二二号

コ、ニテ證人ハ全テノ真実ヲ語り、真実以外ノ何事モ語ラザルコトヲ證人ノ宗教上ノ信條ニ基キ宣誓ス。

一九四三年（昭和十七年）七月（私ハ正確ナリ附テ記憶シマセシ）

私、抑留サレテ居タ「バンヤマシ」ノ俘虜收容所カラ三人、  
「メナド」人ガドウニカ逃セシマシタ。彼等ハ蘭印軍ニ軍軍曹  
「カワン」トカ「カラウ」トカ云フ者ト、二人、兵卒トデアリマシ

タガ私ハ兵卒、私ハ記憶シテ居リマセシ

約一ヶ月、後、コ、三人、  
「メナド」人兵士等ハ日本人ニ再び捕ハ

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バンヂヤマシシ收容所ニ連し戻サレマシタ。三人、兵士ハ約  
二週間我々、收容所ニ監禁セラレ非常ナ虐待ヲ受ケマシ  
タ。インドネシア、正日役散ヨシラ上記三名、兵士等が斬  
首セラレル筈ガト云フ事ヲ日本人カヲ聞キマシタ。我々ハコト  
ヲ該連累者連ニ知ラセルコトヲ許サレマセンデシタ。死刑執  
行日ニハ收容所内ノ全兵士ハ黙呼ニ出頭シテバトリマセンデ  
シタ。日本ノ指揮官高橋大尉ハ彼自身ヲ刑ヲ執行シタ  
ノデアルガ彼、部下ノ要求ニヨツテコレヲ彼ノ部下ニ任ス旨ヲ  
告ゲマシタ。二十名ノ兵士ハ、コノ中ニハ伍長勤務上等兵、コ  
ース、及び市街警備、二等軍曹、ト、P、M、代理人  
(訳者註船会社)ノ「スーホテル」モ居リ刑、執行ニ立會ニ  
状況ヲ我々ニ報告スルヤウ命ゼラレマシタ。私ハ此等ノ目  
撃者カラ、此ノ三名ノ「メナド」人兵士ハ、我々、收容所カラ  
約二十五軒離レテナル「オエリム」飛行場附近内テ午後六時  
クハ六時半ノ間ニ高橋大尉立會、許ニ斬首セラレタト云フ  
コトヲ聞キマシタ。コノ死刑執行後我々ハ高橋指揮官カラ  
今後同様ノ逃亡企圖ヲ繰リ返ス事アル場合ニハ残留シテ  
居ル兵士ニ対シ苛酷ナル報復的懲罰ヲ課スト云フ通告ヲ  
受ケマシタ。

證人ニ対シ上記ノ質問ト夫ニ対スル返答トラムツリ且ツ明瞭ニ朗讀シ  
タル由リ證人ハ何等之ニ補足訂正スルコトヲ欲セザル旨述ベタリ。アリ  
證據トシテ證人ハ彼ノ陳述書ニ署名セリ。

證人……署名……ロイ・ハーオウデクニス

公任記録者タル余之ヲ調製署名ス。

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